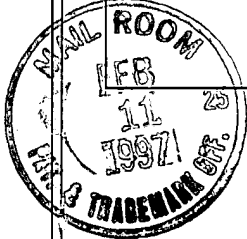


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**PETITION TO EXTEND
UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a)**

Asst. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for an extension of time for response to the Office Action dated August 6, 1996 for three (3) months, from November 6, 1996 to February 6, 1997. An appropriate response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$465.00 to Townsend and Townsend and Crew Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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